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MEDICINE HAT BUILDS GREEN WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES

Medicine Hat – City Council recently approved the sale of up to 75 residential lots requiring a commitment to Built Green building standards and mandatory installation of renewable energy technology.

The City's Land and Properties department will be holding special pre-lotteries this fall for a total of 75 residential lots in the Southlands 6A and Ranchlands 3B subdivisions.

"Implementing sustainable building requirements through Built Green standards and renewable energy infrastructure is the first step in moving towards the development of a fully sustainable subdivision," says Russ Smith, Manager of the City's Environment department.

Successful participants must commit to building a home certified to the Built Green bronze standard or higher, install a solar water heating system, and a microgeneration system (solar or small wind) to supplement household electricity needs.

Land and Properties is offering up to $10,000 in incentives for each home constructed under this program:

- $1,000 for Built Green bronze certification
- 50 per cent of the installed cost of a solar water heating system to a maximum of $3,000
- 50 per cent of the cost associated with a microgeneration installation to a maximum of $6,000

Local builders, who don't currently meet the requirements to build Built Green certified homes, will have an opportunity, through the Medicine Hat chapter of the Canadian Home Builders Association, to complete the requirements to become Built Green certified.

The City anticipates pre-lottery sales for the Built Green lots will happen this fall once the subdivision servicing is complete.

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